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LETTER DATED 2 JANUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit the text of the resolution adopted on 27 December 1990 by the Fourth Congress of People's Deputies of the USSR concerning the situation in the Persian Gulf.

I should be grateful if the text of this letter and the enclosure could be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yuliy M. VORONTSOV

Annex

Resolution of the Fourth Congress of People's Deputies of the USSR concerning the situation in the Persian Gulf

The Congress expresses serious concern regarding the dangerous developments in the Persian Gulf region.

The Congress reaffirms support for the relevant resolutions of the United Nations Security Council, adopted after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, and especially emphasizes its endorsement of efforts made in full conformity with these resolutions to find a peaceful solution to the crisis. The Congress urgently appeals to the leaders and people of Iraq to display a sense of lofty responsibility for the fate of their homeland and for international peace and to accede to the demands of the world community, based on the norms of civilized society and legality. The Iraqi troops must leave Kuwait, and the independence of that country and its sovereignty must be restored.

The Congress endorses the political approach and practical steps taken by the Soviet State leadership and the Government of the USSR in connection with the crisis in the Persian Gulf area, and the measures to ensure the safety of Soviet nationals and their return home from Iraq.

The Congress strongly advocates the steady continuation of efforts aimed at achieving a political settlement of the crisis in the Persian Gulf and recommends that the Supreme Soviet of the USSR should, before the middle of January 1991, consider the situation obtaining as regards this problem.

The Congress considers it necessary for the State leadership to keep the Supreme Soviet of the USSR constantly informed of the development of events. Decisions which require the approval of the highest legislative authority, in accordance with the Constitution of the USSR, must be taken only with the agreement of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.

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Chairman of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR

Moscow, The Kremlin, 27 December 1990